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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on:

- ☐ the international application in the language in which it was filed
- ☐ a translation of the international application into _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1(b))
- ☐ publication of the international application (Rule 12.4(a))
- ☐ international preliminary examination (Rules 55.2(a) and/or 55.3(a))

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report):

- ☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
- pages 1 - 10 as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
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- ☒ the claims:
- pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
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- ☒ the drawings:
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3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
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- ☐ any table(s) related to the sequence listing (specify): _____

4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (specify): _____
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-11</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>1-11</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-11</u>	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Documents cited in the International Search Report:

D1: EP 1126418 A1

D2: WO 9319435 A1

D3: US 6102285 A

D4: WO 03019485 A1

The cited documents represent the general state of the art.

The invention defined in claims 1-11 is not disclosed by any of these documents.

The cited prior art does not give any indication that would lead a person skilled in the art to the claimed method and device for verifying fee payment. Therefore, the claimed invention is not obvious to a person skilled in the art.

Accordingly, the invention defined in claims 1-11 is novel and is considered to involve an inventive step. The invention is industrially applicable.

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CLAIMS

1. A method for paying and verifying fees for a service, such as a parking fee, comprising a communication unit, **characterized** by
- loading said communication unit with a message, such as the fact that a fee has been paid for said service, said message comprising information about an identity of a receiver intended for receiving said message.
2. The method of claim 1, **characterized** by
- polling said communication unit by a receiver terminal having a receiver terminal identity and receiving said message provided that said receiver terminal identity agrees with said information of said message.
3. The method of claim 2, characterized by:
- emitting a wake up signal by the receiver terminal, which signal activates the communication unit;
- transmitting said receiver terminal identity by the receiver terminal to the communication unit;
- searching in said communication unit for a message corresponding to the receiver terminal identity;
- transmitting said message corresponding to said receiver terminal identity, provided that such a message has been found.
4. The method of claim 2 or 3, **characterized** by:
- verifying, by means of said receiver terminal, the payment of a fee by analysing the contents of the message.
5. The method of any one of the previous claims, characterized by

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loading said communication unit by a personal terminal, whereby the validity of the message is proven through the use of codes, secret information, encryption or cryptographic signatures.

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6. The method of claim 5, characterized by:

signing said message so that the identity of the user is defined, such as the identity of the personal terminal or the person using it or the identity of the vehicle.

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7. The method of any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that said communication unit is arranged inside a vehicle for indicating that a parking fee has been paid.

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8. The method of any one of claims 4 to 7, characterized in that said communication unit is wirelessly available from outside the vehicle by said receiving terminal..

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9. A system for paying and verifying fees for a service, such as a parking fee, comprising a communication unit, **characterized by**

a message, which is loaded into said communication unit, such as the fact that a fee has been paid for said service, said message comprising information about an identity of a receiver intended for receiving said message.

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10. The system of claim 9, **characterized by** a receiver terminal having a receiver terminal identity, for polling said communication unit and for receiving said message provided that said receiver terminal identity agrees with said information of said message.

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11. The system of claim 9 or 10, **characterized by**

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a personal terminal for loading said communication unit, whereby the validity of the message is proven through the use of codes, secret information, encryption or cryptographic signatures.

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